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FOR: "Synthesis of 1,3 Disubstituted Imidazolium Salts"

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a response to the Restriction Requirement dated 4 February 2005. A shortened statutory period was set to expire one month from the date of the action, making a response due by 6 March 2005 (30 days from the date of the action).

Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I, claims 1-12 and 15-17, with traverse. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 18-20 should be included in Group I as both Groups I and III are drawn to a method of preparing an imidazolium salt.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows: (additions are underlined and deletions are shown in strikeout):